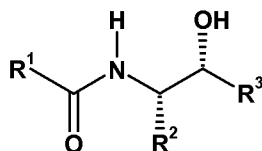


Amendments to the Claims

We Claim:

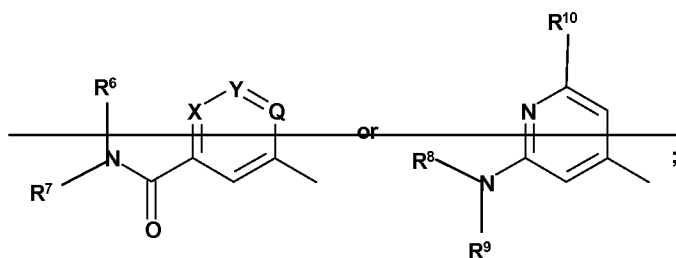
1. (Currently amended) A compound of Formula I:



I

where:

R^1 is ~~(C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₁-C₆ alkyl), (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₂-C₆ alkenyl), (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₂-C₆ alkynyl) or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, each optionally substituted with up to three groups independently selected from halo, hydroxy, thiol, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C₄-C₇ alkoxy, C₂-C₇ cycloalkoxy, oxo, and NR⁴R⁵, biphenyl optionally~~

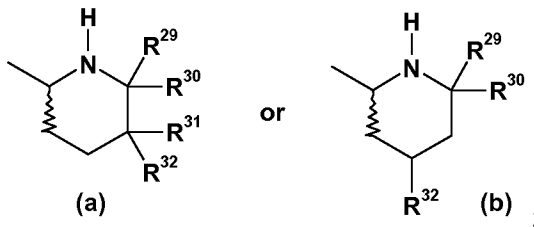


~~substituted with halo, hydrogen,~~

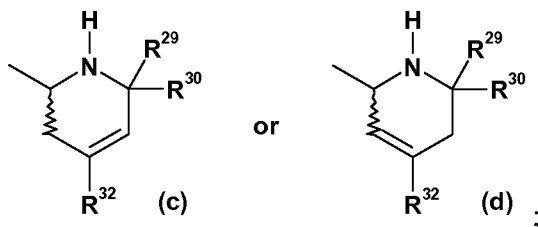
R^2 is ~~C₄-C₃ alkyl, benzyl optionally monosubstituted in the phenyl ring with a substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, C₄-C₆ alkoxy optionally substituted in the alkyl chain with C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, and C₄-C₆ alkylthio optionally substituted in the alkyl chain with C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, or benzyl optionally disubstituted in the phenyl ring with a first substituent independently selected from halo and a second substituent independently selected from halo, C₄-C₆ alkoxy optionally substituted in the alkyl chain with C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, and C₄-C₆ alkylthio optionally substituted in the alkyl chain with C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;~~

R^3 is:

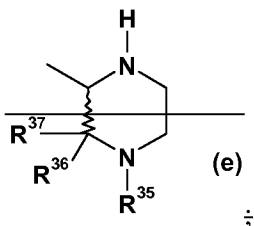
- i) a piperidin-2-yl moiety of formula:



- ii) a tetrahydropyridin-2-yl moiety of formula:



iii) — a piperazin-2-yl moiety of formula:



iv) — homopiperidin-2-yl;

v) — 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-3-yl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from halo, C₁-C₆-alkyl, and C₁-C₆-alkoxy;

vi) — 2-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-(5Z)-ene-3-yl;

vii) — 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-3-yl optionally substituted with C₁-C₁₀-alkyl optionally substituted with C₁-C₄-alkoxy; or

viii) — 2-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl optionally substituted with oxo, or optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from hydroxy, fluoro, and C₁-C₆-alkyl;

X is CH, N, or N⁺-O⁻;

Y is CR¹¹, N, or N⁺-O⁻;

Q is CR¹², N, or N⁺-O⁻;

R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl optionally substituted up to three times with fluoro, or phenyl;

R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl optionally substituted up to three times with fluoro, phenyl, —

C(O)(C₁-C₆-alkyl optionally substituted up to three times with fluoro), or

—SO₂(C₁-C₆-alkyl optionally substituted up to three times with fluoro);

R⁶ and R⁷ are independently selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, and propyl;

R⁸ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl;

R⁹ is C₃-C₅-cycloalkyl, sec-butyl, or —CH₂R¹³;

R¹⁰ is —CF₂R¹⁴, —OR¹⁵, —CH₂C(O)CH₃, —S(O)₁₋₂R¹⁶, —NR¹⁷SO₂R¹⁸, (C₁-C₃-alkoxy)-carbonyl, phenyl optionally substituted with halo, 1,3-dioxolan-2-yl, 1,3-dioxan-2-yl, 1,1-dioxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydroisothiazol-2-yl, or tetrazol-5-yl optionally substituted with C₁-C₃-alkyl;

R^{11} is hydrogen, chloro, isobutyl, CH_2R^{19} ; CF_2R^{20} , 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-hydroxyethyl, C_2 - C_4 -alkenyl optionally substituted with one or two fluorine atoms, OR^{21} , $C(O)R^{22}$, N(methyl)(methylsulfonyl), N(methyl)(acetyl), pyrrolidin-2-yl, methylsulfonyl, N,N-dimethylaminosulfonyl, phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxymethyl, methoxy, fluoro, and methylsulfonyl, 1,3-dioxolan-2-yl, 1,3-dithiolan-2-yl, 1,3-oxathiolan-2-yl, 1,3-dioxan-2-yl, 1,3-dithian-2-yl, pyridinyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, or 1,2,4-oxadiazolyl optionally substituted with methyl;

R^{12} is hydrogen or fluoro;

R^{13} is ethynyl or cyclopropyl;

R^{14} is hydrogen or methyl;

R^{15} is difluoromethyl or methanesulfonyl;

R^{16} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, phenyl, or $NR^{25}R^{26}$;

R^{17} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_3 alkyl optionally substituted with up to 3 fluorine atoms, or C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl;—

R^{18} is C_1 - C_3 alkyl or C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl;

R^{19} is fluoro, hydroxy, or C_1 - C_3 alkoxy;

R^{20} is hydrogen, phenyl, or furyl;

R^{21} is C_1 - C_3 alkyl optionally substituted with one or two fluorine atoms;

R^{22} is C_1 - C_3 alkyl, C_3 - C_5 cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_3 alkenyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, $NR^{23}R^{24}$, pyrrolidin-1-yl optionally substituted with methyl or one or two fluorine atoms, piperidin-1-yl, phenyl, pyridinyl, or furyl;

R^{23} is hydrogen or methyl;

R^{24} is methyl, ethyl, or propyl;

R^{25} is hydrogen or methyl;

R^{26} is methyl; or

R^{25} and R^{26} taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring;

R^{29} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R^{30} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R^{29} and R^{30} taken together with the carbon to which they are attached form a C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl ring;

R^{31} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, or phenyl optionally monosubstituted with C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R^{32} is hydrogen, R^{33} , or $-(CH_2)_{0-2}-OR^{33}$;

R^{33} is C_1 - C_{10} alkyl optionally substituted with 1-6 fluorine atoms, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, or $-(CH_2)_{0-3}-R^{34}$;

R^{34} is C_3 - C_7 cycloalkyl or phenyl each optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, and trifluoromethoxy, thienyl optionally substituted with halo, benzothienyl optionally substituted with halo, or thiazolyl optionally substituted with C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or adamantyl;

~~R^{35} is $-(CH_2)_{0-6}-R^{34}$, $-C(O)-(CH_2)_{0-6}-R^{34}$, $-C(O)-(C_4-C_{10}\text{-alkyl})$, $-C(O)-(C_4-C_4\text{-alkoxy}$
optionally substituted with phenyl), C_4-C_{10} alkyl optionally substituted with 1-6 fluorine atoms,
 C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, or C_2-C_{10} alkynyl;~~

~~R^{36} and R^{37} are both hydrogen or, taken together with the carbon atom to which they are
attached form a carbonyl group; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; provided that: a)
no more than one of X, Y, and Q may be N or N^+-O^- ; and b) when X is CH, Y is CR^{11} , and Q is
 CR^{12} , then one of R^{11} and R^{12} is other than hydrogen.~~

2-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical ~~formulation~~ composition comprising a compound of Claim 1, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) A method for the inhibition of A- β peptide comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

10. (Canceled)

11. (New) A compound of Claim 1 wherein R^1 is methyl.

12. (New) A compound of Claim 1 wherein R^2 is benzyl optionally monosubstituted or disubstituted in the phenyl ring with fluoro.